

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the amendments and remarks that follow is respectfully solicited. Claims 16, 17, 18, 19, and 22 are pending in this application. Claims 1-15, 20 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 16 and 17 have been amended. Figures 8 and 9 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-15, 20 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, the rejection of these claims is rendered moot.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claim 22.

The Examiner objected to claims 16-19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated that claims 16-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Dependent claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form and as amended contains all of the limitations of cancelled claims 1 and 15 from which it originally depended. No new matter has been added. Thus,

claim 16 as amended is believed to be allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 16 be withdrawn and that Claim 16 as amended be allowed.

Dependent claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form and as amended contains all of the limitations of cancelled claims 1 and 15 from which it originally depended. No new matter has been added. Thus, claim 17 as amended is believed to be allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 17 be withdrawn and that claim 17 as amended be allowed.

Claim 18 depends directly from allowable claim 17 and claim 19 depends indirectly from allowable claim 17 and, thus, claims 18 and 19 are also believed to be allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 18 and 19 be withdrawn and that claims 18 and 19 also be allowed.

The Examiner objected to Figures 8 and 9 because of their insufficient quality and because of the lack of any reference numbers in Figures 8 and 9. Enclosed with this response is a replacement sheet with corrected Figures 8 and 9 that are believed to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(P)(5). No new matter has been added. Applicants believe that replacement Figures 8

and 9 overcome the Examiner's objections and respectfully request that the objections to Figures 8 and 9 be withdrawn.

The Examiner also objected to Figure 7 because it does not contain the reference numbers for "the driving device 202 and controller 204." Applicants respectfully traverse this objection and invite the Examiner's attention to Applicants' "RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT" filed on August 5, 2005. At page 4 of that response, Applicants amended Paragraph 48 to recite: "the driving device 220 includes at least one controller (not shown). . . . " Figure 7 contains reference number 220 corresponding to the driving device. Because the specification, as amended, states that the controller is "not shown," no reference number for the controller is necessary. Applicants believe that Figure 7 complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(P)(5) and the withdrawal of the objection to Figure 7 is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if such communication is

believed to be helpful in advancing the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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